



Utah Concealed Firearms Instructor Newsletter

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Required Training Curriculum

There are several changes to the formally titled minimum training guidelines now titled minimum training curriculum in which each instructor has signed, notarized and submitted to BCI.

First, there is now a minimum time frame a concealed firearm class should consist of (4 hours minimum).

Second, BCI has received numerous complaints regarding instructors teaching multi state permits. BCI does not discourage instructors from teaching multi state permits but the Utah permit must be taught in its entirety. Once the class has been completed the instructor can teach the other courses as they are qualified to do so. This policy ensures the Utah permit is taught in its entirety without intermixing different states interpretation of the laws and rules governed within.

Third, each instructor is responsible to familiarize themselves with the curriculum outline, as it has undergone several changes. Each instructor must teach at a minimum, the topics mentioned within. An instructor can teach beyond what is listed but not detract from it.

To view the training curriculum, visit our website www.bci.utah.gov. Locate the section titled concealed firearms. Then the section titled **Mandatory Minimum Training Curriculum for Concealed Firearm Permit Instructors**.

Accepted Instructor Training

The Bureau has made a change in how it records instructor prerequisite training to qualify as an instructor, such as NRA instructor and/or Utah P.O.S.T. instructor certified. Currently under Utah State Statute 53-5-705 (8) (a) (iii), there is a prerequisite for all Utah Concealed Firearm Instructors to have a current "National Rifle Association certification or its equivalent as determined by the division."

This change involves adhering to Utah state statute in requiring that all instructors maintain a NRA certification, except those that fall into the category of an active Utah P.O.S.T. instructor. The instructor organizations that were previously accepted will not be disaffiliated in any way, but their instructors will need to maintain an NRA instructor certification. Certified instructors may affiliate themselves with whatever organization they choose as a secondary affiliation, but for purposes of the Bureau's management of the concealed firearm program, NRA and Utah P.O.S.T. will be the only certifications recorded and monitored. Therefore all certified instructors who do not have an instructor certification through the National Rifle Association, as contained in statute, will be required to obtain and submit one to the Bureau.

Several circumstances have precipitated this change. First, the Bureau of Criminal Identification is experiencing a huge increase in work load with minimal work forces to meet the demands. Second, for ease of tracking and supervision of the concealed firearm program, certification from a single statutorily accepted organization will facilitate accuracy in our investigations and permits will be processed in a more timely and efficient manner. We appreciate your consideration and diligence to help maintain the integrity and reputation of the Utah Concealed Firearm program.

Concealed Firearm applicants outside the United States

Utah Concealed Firearm Permit holders can use their valid CFP to waive the \$7.50 background check on firearm purchases within the state of Utah only. Utah CFP holders outside Utah will not have the fee waived!

To clarify some issues that have recently surfaced regarding concealed permit applicants outside the United States, the following applies:

1. Per U.C.A.53-5-704 (2)(viii) an applicant must be qualified to purchase and possess a firearm pursuant to Section 76-10-503 and federal code § 478.124.

Applicants that do not meet the above criteria will be denied a Utah Concealed Firearm Permit. To meet the parameters of state and federal law, the applicant must meet one of the federal exceptions as defined in § 922(y)(2). One of these exceptions is the acquisition of a valid hunting permit which is also cited in Utah administrative rule. Additionally, all resident aliens and non-immigrant aliens must establish a state of residency for 90 days in a state of the U.S. in order to satisfy the Utah statutory requirement to be qualified to purchase as well as possess a firearm. This does not include US citizens living outside the United States!

Upcoming Certification Courses

The following BCI taught courses have been scheduled for those instructors wishing to renew their certifications in 2007:

May 19, 2007 10:00 am - 2:00 pm BCI, 3888 West 5400 South Salt Lake City, UT

June 16, 2007 10:00 am - 2:00 pm BCI, 3888 West 5400 South Salt Lake City, UT

August 18, 2007 10:00 am - 2:00 pm St. George (Comfort Suites Inn)
1239 South Main Street St. George, UT

September 15, 2007 10:00 am - 2:00pm BCI, 3888 West 5400 South Salt Lake City, UT

October 13, 2007 10:00 am - 2:00pm BCI, 3888 West 5400 South Salt Lake City, UT

November 3, 2007 10:00 am - 2:00pm BCI, 3888 West 5400 South Salt Lake City, UT

This course is for new concealed firearm permit instructors and current instructors. You must pre-register for the course. There is a registration fee of \$25. This does not include the application fee of \$50 for new instructors or the renewal fee of \$25 for instructors who are renewing their instructor license.

Please visit our website, www.bci.utah.gov for registration information and forms. If you have any questions, you may contact Laura Gayler at 801-957-8620 or email her at lgayler@utah.gov.

Changes and reminders

All new permit applicants have a one year time frame to submit their application. If BCI receives the application after one year, the application will be denied and the applicant will have to start the entire process over. This also includes renewal applications expired over one year.

Please notify BCI if you change your mailing address. This ensures you'll receive any correspondences issued by BCI including but not limited to current updates on laws, rules, changes to the program and any possible administrative action taken against your instructor privilege and/or permit status. Address changes should be changed within 10 business days of change of address. You must also update your address change with the driver license division within this time frame.

Once again, we appreciate your continued interest in being a Utah Concealed Firearms Instructor. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact us at 801-965-4445.

"There is now a link on the BCI webpage that shows the present date of applications being processed". Please inform your students to check the website regarding the status of their permit application.

BCI is in the process of making some suggestive guidelines as to help instructors with teaching their concealed classes. The guidelines will provide teaching aids along with more detailed training suggestions. These guidelines will be forthcoming.
